

ADULT SERVICES POLICY COUNCIL

Mission Statement: "Working together to meet the health and human service needs of adults and seniors."

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Members

Boards, Commissions and Community Groups

Adult Abuse Prevention Council
Commission on Aging
Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board
Health Commission
HIV Prevention, Advocacy and Care Consortium
Homeless Services Council
Medical Society of San Luis Obispo
Mental Health Board
SLO Supportive Housing Consortium

Non-Profit Agencies

AIDS Support Network
Area Agency on Aging
Arroyo Grande Community Hospital
Community Health Centers
Economic Opportunity Commission
French Hospital Medical Center
Hospice Partners of the Central Coast
HOTLINE
Independent Living Resource Center
Lifesteps Foundation
LTC Ombudsman
Senior Nutrition Program
Senior Peer Counseling
Senior Volunteer Services
Transitions/Mental Health Association
Tri-Counties Regional Center
United Way of San Luis Obispo

Private Organizations

Bates Care Case Management
Best Care
Gentiva Health Care Systems
Sierra Vista Medical Center
Twin Cities Community Hospital

Public Agencies

Housing Authority
IHSS Public Authority
San Luis County Departments of:
Behavioral Health / Drug and Alcohol Services
Board of Supervisors
County Administrative Office
District Attorney / Victim Witness Assistance Center
Probation
Public Health, Medical Services & Public Guardian
Sheriff
Social Services
Veteran's Services

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
2975 MCMILLAN ROAD, SAN LUIS OBISPO
SUITE 164 (THE BIG CONFERENCE ROOM)

Agenda

November 4, 2005
9:00 – 11:00 AM

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORRECTIONS / ADDITIONS TO THE SYNOPSIS

PUBLIC COMMENT—LIMIT TO 5 MINUTES

COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC

Operations: Larry Bacus
Contract: Marsha Bollinger

DISASTER RESPONSE – Cathi Slaminski, Emergency Services Coordinator,
Public Health Department

PUBLIC AUTHORITY PROPOSED CHANGES UPDATE—Angie King

CONSUMER "POINT OF ENTRY TRAINING" PROPOSAL, UPDATE –
Rick Cohen

ANNUAL EVENTS CALENDAR: Fund Raising – Volunteer Training –
Symposiums-Rick Cohen

"TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD" – Rick Cohen

Next meeting is December 2, 2005

9:00 – 11:00 AM

McMillan Street location

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